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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Los Angeles – Cyberattack Disrupts Distribution of LA Times, Other Newspapers across US**

(U) Los Angeles –A cyberattack, coming from outside the US, caused major printing and delivery problems for newspapers across the country, including several in Southern California. The Los Angeles Times newspaper was among dozens affected by the malware. An anonymous source provided information on the malware attack to the LA Times, stating the attack was conducted by a "foreign entity." The cyberattack shut down software systems that contain stories and other information needed to create plates that print the papers.

SOURCE: 29 December 2018, [KABC News](#)

(U) Newman – Two More Arrests Made in Newman Corporal Shooting Case; Possible Weapon Found

(U) A valley-wide manhunt lasting about 55 hours came to an end Friday morning with the arrest of the man authorities say shot and killed a 33-year-old Newman Police Department Corporal. Gustavo Perez Arriaga, 32 was arrested in the small town of Lamont, just east of Bakersfield. Arriaga was on his way to Mexico. Arriaga's girlfriend and brother were arrested Friday evening. Like the five others arrested in the last 48 hours, the two were expected to be charged with accessory after the fact.

SOURCE: 29 December 2018, [Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) Paso Robles – California Inmate Who Walked Away from San Quentin Captured

(U) California authorities captured an inmate who walked away from San Quentin State Prison on Saturday after a four-day manhunt. Officials from the state Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation stated that they took 21-year-old Shalom Mendoza into custody at a fast food restaurant in Paso Robles without incident. Mendoza is suspected of carjacking a vehicle in a store parking lot less than a mile from the prison after fleeing a work assignment outside the prison walls.

SOURCE: 29 December 2018, [ABC News](#)

(U) San Diego – Hackers Strike School System, Potentially Exposing Data of 500,000-Plus Students

(U) Hackers hit the San Diego Unified School District's computer system and obtained access to a file that had detailed personal data on more than 500,000 students going back a decade. The school system, in a security report, stated it is alerting those who may have had personal data viewed or stolen. The data potentially includes Social Security numbers, health and discipline information, addresses, and phone numbers. School police "have identified a subject of the investigation" but did not reveal details on who it was or how many people were involved. The breach started in January and did not end until it was discovered in October, when the school system personnel began investigating phishing emails.

SOURCE: 28 December 2018, [Washington Post](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Idaho– US Investigating CenturyLink Internet Outage, 911 Failures**

(U) Boise – Federal officials and at least one state say they've started an investigation into a nationwide CenturyLink internet outage that has caused 911 service disruptions. Federal Communications

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Commission Chairman Ajit Pai stated the outage is “completely unacceptable” because people who need help couldn’t use the 911 emergency number. The company says it’s working to restore service and appears to be making progress. Authorities in Washington State also announced they’ll open an investigation.

SOURCE: 28 December 2018, [AP](#)

(U) Texas – Armed Man Arrested on Way to Texas Church to Fulfill a “Prophecy”

(U) Seguin – An armed man wearing police tactical-style clothing who said he was on his way to a church to fulfill “a prophecy” was arrested in suburban San Antonio. Seguin police say a passer-by who saw the man carrying a handgun notified authorities. An off-duty officer responded to the call and found the man carrying the loaded weapon, extra ammunition and a face-shield.

SOURCE: 31 December 2018, [NBC News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Bangladesh – Sixteen Dead in Bangladeshi Vote Opposition Calls "Farcical"**

(U) Dhaka – More than a dozen people were killed in election-related violence in Bangladesh yesterday, as voters went to the polls to decide whether to give Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina a third consecutive term amid opposition claims that her leadership has become increasingly authoritarian. Bangladesh's leading English-language newspaper stated 16 people were killed in 13 districts in election-related violence.

SOURCE: 30 December 2018, [Sun Herald](#)

(U) Egypt – Bomb Kills Three Vietnamese Tourists, Egyptian Guide, Near Pyramids

(U) Cairo – Three Vietnamese tourists and an Egyptian guide were killed and at least 10 others injured when a roadside bomb blast hit their bus on Friday less than four kilometers from Egypt’s world famous Giza pyramids. The bombing is the first deadly attack against foreign tourists in Egypt for over a year. No immediate claim of responsibility was reported.

SOURCE: 28 December 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Netherlands – Five Arrested in Suspected Dutch Terror Attack Plot

(U) Rotterdam– Dutch and German police arrested five people of preparing a terrorist act in the Netherlands. Dutch police stated that four suspects were detained in Rotterdam and officers searched multiple locations. In neighboring Germany, police announced the arrest of a Syrian man suspected of involvement in preparations for a terror attack in the Netherlands. The investigation would continue to determine the nature and scale of the alleged threat.

SOURCE: 29 December 2018, [KOIN News](#)

(U) Philippines – Two Dead, Nearly 30 Wounded in Bomb Blast at Philippine Mall

(U) Cotabato – Suspected Muslim militants remotely detonated a bomb near the entrance of a mall in the southern Philippines as people did last-minute shopping ahead of New Year’s Eve celebrations, killing at least two and wounding nearly 30. The bomb went off near a baggage counter at the entrance of the South Seas mall in Cotabato wounding shoppers, vendors and commuters. Authorities recovered another unexploded bomb nearby as government forces imposed a security lockdown in the city.

SOURCE: 31 December 2018, [Washington Times](#)

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